

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

13th March 2017

Present: Councillor Hodges in the Chair

Councillors P. Denham, Mrs L. Hodgson
(Vice-Chairman), Lamb and Mackay

Also in Attendance:

Mrs P. Clayton, St. Peter's Parish Council
Mrs V.A. Barrall, Warndon Parish Council
Mrs D. Merriman, Warndon Parish Council

Officers: Claire Chaplin, Deputy Monitoring Officer

Apologies: Councillor Stanley and Mr P. Thorlby, St. Peter's Parish Council

21 Appointment of Substitutes

None.

22 Declarations of Interest

None.

23 Public Participation

None.

24 Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

25 Guidance on Use of Social Media

At the meeting on 14th November 2016, the Committee asked the Monitoring Officer to prepare some guidance for Members on the use of Social Media. Draft guidance had now been prepared and was set out in Appendix 1 of the Monitoring Officer's report for consideration. The Deputy Monitoring Officer highlighted the main points.

In the ensuing discussion Committee Members expressed unanimous support for the draft guidance.

RESOLVED: That the Committee adopts the Guidance on the use of Social Media in Appendix 1 of the report.

26 Complaints Made Under the Members' Code of Conduct.

The Committee were advised that, since the last meeting, the Monitoring Officer had not considered any complaints with an Independent Person.

RESOLVED: That the Committee note the report.

27 Reports of the Local Government Ombudsman

The Committee were advised that, to date for the year commencing 1st April 2016, there had been no reports or upheld decisions received or incidents of maladministration identified by the Ombudsman to report to the Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Committee note the report.

28 Registers of Members' and Officers' Gifts and Hospitality and Register of Interests

The Committee were given the opportunity to review the registers of Members' and Officers' gifts and hospitality and register of interests.

29 Any Other Business

The Chairman made reference to issues for future meetings. She proposed that the Committee consider guidance for Members on issues relating to Outside Bodies, including the appointments process, duties of representatives, the roles of Trustees and Directors, and dealing with any potential conflict of interests.

Other Committee Members supported the Chairman's proposal.

Duration of the meeting: 7.00p.m. – 7.25p.m.

Chairman at the meeting on
10th July 2017